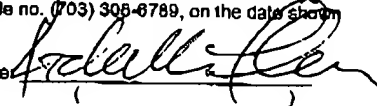


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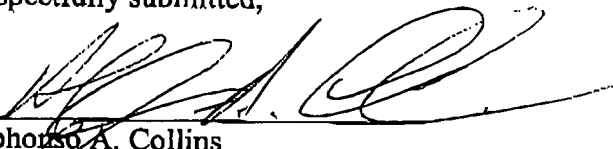
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Responsive to the Notice mailed on August 4, 2004, Applicants respectfully assert that a telephone conversation was had with Ms. Tony Hood on August 17, 2004. During the conversation, Applicant pointed out that the language for Fig. 9 is listed in the specification dated November 29, 2001. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that there is no inconsistency between the drawings and the brief description of the drawings in the specification.

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